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A red tailed hawk in flight. Photo by Ed Poropat

Snow dampens 55th Minden Christmas Bird Count

ED POROPAT
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The 2021 Minden Christmas Bird Count has come and gone.

The 55th annual count was held on Saturday, Dec. 18. The weather was cooperative in the first few hours of the morning, with light winds, overcast skies, and relatively mild temperatures (negative 4 Celsius degrees to negative 1 Celsius degrees) present. Due to the warm spell in the previous weeks, many of the large lakes remained wide open and ice-free, a perfect scenario for lingering waterfowl. By 10:30 a.m., however, the snow arrived, falling heavily at times. This hampered visibility in the latter part of the day and made driving more challenging. In addition to these obstacles, most birds sensed the coming storm and found quiet places to ride it out. Finding any birds in the snowy afternoon became a challenge. Despite this, a record number of 32 hardy field observers participated in the count, providing about 85 total hours of effort. At least 15 feeder-watchers also assisted, providing an additional 25 hours of observation time.

Although data continues to trickle in at this point up to Dec. 22, the number of birds counted (4238) coincides almost exactly with the 20-year average of 4282. A total of 51 species have been recorded so far, plus another three count week birds, well above the average of 45. As predicted, the diversity was relatively high with several winter finches well represented. So, what did this year's count reveal? Once again in 2021, most feeder watchers lamented the lack of birds on count day. Almost all of them commented on the disappointing numbers during the 24-hour survey, despite some busy days at their feeding stations before and after the actual count. This was not a surprise, however, with the combination of a storm system and the abundant food in the woods. Although somewhat localized, many tree species in our area produced excellent seed crops this past year. Some spruces, tamarack, hemlock and yellow birch all showed signs of a bumper crop in 2021, much to the delight of many hungry finches. Some field observers noted the exact opposite experience as did feeder-watchers (until the snows arrived), commenting that this was the best winter for finches they could remember. In some portions of the circle, clouds of finches were observed moving between feeding areas. Most abundant were the common redpolls (867) and American goldfinches

The eastern screech owl was a first time discovery for the Minden Christmas Bird Countin the area. There have been 109 species counted now in the 55 years since the count began. /Photo by Ed Poropat

(354), often in mixed flocks. Among them were smaller numbers of pine siskins (47) and purple finches (six). Occasionally, the quiet morning stillness was broken by the loud chatter of white-winged crossbills (77) flying overhead. Only a single red crossbill was recorded on count day, although many more are likely present. Evening and pine grosbeaks, so prevalent last year, were generally scarce this winter. Only 18 evening grosbeaks were found on count day, and no pine grosbeaks were seen (although several were observed in the area during the count week).

The extensive open water provided a haven for many lingering waterfowl. This can be both a positive and negative issue for the count. The open water allows birds to remain in the area but spreads them out, making counting and finding them much more challenging. A year with ice covered lakes, on the other hand, concentrates the remaining water birds into small pockets of open water, making them easier to find and count. This year, several common loons (four) have remained in the region. Diving ducks such as common goldeneye (54), hooded merganser (51), and common merganser (28) were all well represented. The five red-breasted mergansers found on Canning Lake were a nice addition to the day's tally, as were the six buffleheads near Minden (tying a count record). The open water also kept a few gulls in the area. We had a record high count of ring-billed gulls (16) this year, as well as some lingering herring gulls

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Community of the keen-eyed and passionate birders make the count

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(33). It shouldn't be long before they depart for the winter.

Because visibility was hampered by the snow, raptors were generally difficult to find. Since they rely on keen eyesight to hunt, they were as hampered by poor conditions as field observers were. Bald eagle numbers were down (four), and only a single red-tailed hawk was tallied. An American kestrel observed on Dec. 16 and 17 could not be re-found on count day. It would have been the first ever recorded on the Minden count.

Some of the birds we see during the winter months are visitors only. Other species such as chickadees, nuthatches, and woodpeckers are resident birds that live in the Highlands year-round. Their numbers seemed generally down, although this may be an artefact of conditions rather than actual population declines. The black-capped chickadee numbers (632) are a bit alarming, however. Observers have noted a general scarcity not only here, but in other regions also. Careful monitoring through multiple counts across the province will be vital in the coming years to ascertain if actual declines are occurring.

The wild turkey numbers (107) were below average on count day, but any local hunter will tell you the numbers are healthy and stable, or even still increasing. On snowy days, they prefer to find shelter and wait out the storm. The same is true of ruffed grouse (11). Although only 11 birds were counted, the population is far stronger this winter than numbers indicate.

As always, one of the interesting aspects of Christmas counts is the discovery and/or documentation of uncommon or rare species. A varied thrush in 2019 brought hundreds of visitors to our area in search of this vagrant from the west coast. This year was no different as there were several highlights on the count. A single male black-backed woodpecker thrilled several observers near Kinmount. Although commoner further north, this is a genuinely rare bird in the southern part of Haliburton County. A single Canada jay made a brief appearance near Denna Lake. This is a declining species in our area, almost certainly due to climate change. A pair of red-bellied woodpeckers visiting feeding stations near Minden Lake were the only two recorded on the count. This is a species that is expanding its range in Ontario. More will likely show up in the coming years. One group of observers discovered two cedar waxwings among a flock of bohemian waxwings (17). The latter species is somewhat irruptive, showing up in our area during years of food shortages in the north. The cedar waxwing, although common during the summer, is a good find in the winter months. Two different white-throated sparrows, and a single female northern cardinal added some nice flavor to the overall tally.

However, the bird of the day was undoubtedly the eastern screech owl discovered by one team in the predawn hours, a new species for the count circle, and the 109th species recorded in the 55 years since the count began. This compact, football-sized horned owl is relatively common to the south of us, but is a rare, prized find anywhere on the Canadian Shield. Despite its name, eastern screech owls do not normally screech and instead make a distinctive whinny-like whistle or a quiet trill. They are a treat to hear on a still night!

As always, I'd like to extend my thanks to all the dedicated people that participated in this year's Minden Christmas Bird Count, whether field observers or feeder-watchers. This count would not be possible without your continued assistance and passion. Our collective efforts help contribute to knowledge of avian populations and conservation across the continent. I wish everyone all the best in 2022 and look forward to your contributions again next December.

A snow bunting shows how it blends into its natural surroundings. /Submitted by Ed Poropat

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Portable stoves I have known and loved

STEVE GALEA

Outdoors

I'm a portable stove junkie. In fact, I prefer having one in my pack during all but the briefest outdoors foray. There's also one in my car just in case I find myself needing one.

I have tried many different types, from big propane - or naphtha-fueled Coleman two-burners, to a Trangia spirit burning alcohol stove that fits in my front pocket.

Each has pros and cons. Some are best suited for car camping. Others are ideal for backpacking or canoe camping adventures. Some are handy in a duck blind or are just right for warming your hands or making tea while ice fishing.

These days there are many options. But there are also a few things to keep in mind.

For instance, I love gasifier twig stoves. These are stoves fueled by twigs, birch bark, dried sticks and other small easily gathered flammables, their design gasifies the fuel so that it burns cleanly and appears in the stove's inner ring much like the burner of a gas stove.

They are essentially moderately sized, lightweight, double-walled stainless-steel cylinders with appropriate ventilation – generally about the size of a small pot when disassembled. Their size might seem big to those who want ultralight gear, but this is offset by the fact that you do not have to carry fuel. Basically, you can gather suitable tree-based fuels in the area and have a compact and controlled wood fire going in minutes. Once in the gasified state, you just feed the stove fuel every few minutes to produce a consistent, even flame that boils water for tea or soup quickly, They also have a fairly stable cooking surface for appropriately-sized pots or pans. They are great in winter, since they provide a campfire type of heat too – and they're fun to use. Which is why mine is my go-to stove for off the track

Canister stoves have the benefit of being compact, efficient and demand little maintenance, but are not reliable in extreme cold and additional canisters are needed for excursions lasting more than a week. /DARREN LUM Staff

snowshoeing and ice fishing.

They are not perfect, however. You can't use one during fire bans and they take up some space in a day pack. They also collect soot, so cleaning is a chore.

So what do you use when you are outdoors when wood fires are banned or when you need to pare down weight, such as when backpacking or embarking on a canoe trip with long portages?

My solution is a single burner cannister-based backpacking stove that burns liquified petroleum gas. These burners attach to single use, pre-loaded fuel cannisters – the kind you see at any store that sells outdoors products. A Primus trail stove is a good example of this type.

This style of stove provides an easily regulated, consistent blue flame ideal for cooking most camping foods over. They boil water quickly, are also relatively inexpensive, easy to use, and don't take up a lot of space in a pack. Oh, and low maintenance too – unlike the blackened interior of a twig stove, there's no clean up required.

The disadvantage is you might need additional cannisters on multi-day trips and these take up pack space. Worse still, they're not overly reliable when frigid winter temperatures set in. In spring, summer, and fall, however, they are hard to beat as one cannister can often last for a surprising number of uses.

I used to use an old single-burner Coleman stove that was attached to a cannister that you filled with naphtha gas, which you pumped to pressurize and burn. This took up a lot more space but was also quite reliable so long as you maintained the pump seals, and it worked well in cold weather too. My daughter owns this now, and as far as I know, still uses it.

There are various versions of these stoves and they continue to be good year-round options too. Just remember, they are lightweight, but you still need to carry fuel in a separate bottle and refill them on multi-day trips.

The previously mentioned Trangia spirit burner stove is as small and simple as it gets. It has no moving parts, and burns alcohol, isobutane or petroleum-based fuels. I use fondue fuel because its easy to find and the 500 ml bottles fit well in my pack. This is nothing more than a basic burner, though you can purchase accessories to turn it into a camp stove system. I prefer to take along a small lightweight grill and set it up a few inches over the burner. This stove isn't exactly a monster when it comes to putting out heat – at least compared to the others mentioned – but it is lightweight and usable year-round and, unlike the accessories, the burner is inexpensive. The little Sterno stoves that you buy in outdoors stores are essentially single-use versions of this.

I'd be remiss if I didn't mention the Coleman-style multi-burner stoves. These are familiar to most people and have clear advantages – wind screen, two or more burners, a stable cooking platform, good temperature regulation. On the downside, they are heavy, require a lot of fuel and are not suited for carrying any real distance. Still, if you are car camping, or going to a rustic cabin, they're hard to beat.

An outdoors stove suited to the season is a joy to own and have on any outdoors excursion, especially when a little heat or a hot meal or drink is needed. They're not always necessary, but there are times when no other piece of kit can provide as much comfort.

Interact distribute kindness

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School's Interact Club members Ollie Humphries, from left, Emily Austin Ward, Lily Manning, Evelyn Vanderstarre, Sierra Moore and Lillian Ramsdale organize donated items such as personal hygiene products and had them included as part of a donation to local food banks in a classroom at HHSS a a few weeks ago. The club created 73 boxes, which catered and were provided to teens through the food bank. Interact is a youth service group, whose aim is to help its community and who work with area Rotary clubs. /Submitted by Christine Carr

First day, last run

Alpine skier Ethan stands in place near the end of a visit to Sir Sam's Ski and Ride on the facility's first day of operation this season on Dec. 18 in Eagle Lake. See sirsams.com for updates about conditions and status of runs at the Highlands' winter destination./DARREN LUM Staff

Above, a skier gets a few turns in on opening day at Sir Sam's Ski and Ride.

Left, friends finish their last run at Sir Sam's Ski and Ride on the facility's first day of operation this season.

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Love actually is all around

EMILY STONEHOUSE
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HAPPY 2022! We made it! Kind of. There's a lot of uncertainty, a lot of unknown, a lot up in the air. Definitely still some laundry somewhere from 2021.

Through it all, here we are. If you're reading this, please know, I am very proud of you. We did it. We're here.

This is the time of year that we are traditionally inundated with "resolutions" on social media. If you are one of those people who can stick to a resolution, honestly, major kudos to you. If you're not, then also, major kudos to you. You're human.

EMILY STONEHOUSE
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Oftentimes, resolutions have a way of having the opposite effect on people. These arbitrary concepts and ideals are established and then, more often than not, forgotten about. Life gets in the way. And through it all, the only person who feels badly about it, is the original resolution-er.

When you type in "new year's resolution" on Google, the first thing that comes up in the search bar is "how many new year's resolutions fail?" Turns out, according to the all-mighty internet, less than eight per cent of resolutions actually stick, and the majority of resolutions have gone out the window by February.

I couldn't help but wonder, if the odds are against us for resolutionizing our lives, why do we try at all? Normally, as human beings, if we know we are destined to fail, we back away. What grasp does new year's have over us that makes us believe we can succeed? Even if it's only for a few days?

The concept of the new beginning.

That's what keeps us coming back. As humans, we embrace a fresh start, a new chapter, a blank slate. Here's 365 days that we can make our own. Are we going to live life to the fullest 24 hours, 365 days a week? Absolutely not. But are we going to appreciate the opportunity? Also, maybe not.

With the state of the world right now; the confusion, the conflicts, the cons, the easiest thing in the world is to see the negative. It's all around us. Maybe, we can take this new year to find the good in the world.

A few years ago, I made a subtle promise to myself to no longer engage in "re"solutions, and instead focus on "me"solutions. What do I need to do to make my life happier? To see the good. Turns out, the past two out of three years, it's literally just been to drink more water. That's a solid starting place for anyone fresh out of ideas.

Here are some other ideas for your "me"solutions:

Read a book you've always wanted to read.

Turn off your phone at 9 p.m. and don't look at it again until 9 a.m.

Take some time away from social media.

Go camping.

Volunteer. Somewhere, anywhere, volunteer time, space, energy, just give back. Any way you can.

Go for a walk every day for five minutes.

I stand by this one: drink more water every day. Honestly, this makes a SURPRISINGLY big difference. Thanks Gwyneth Paltrow.

What can you do every day that will make your life fuller, easier, better, happier. If you don't follow through past February, then that's fine, just go get yourself some half-price Valentine's chocolate and call it a day. But remember, you can always pick back up again.

Yes, a new year is a blank slate, but so is every day. One of the easiest things to do is to find a tiny bit of beauty in each day. In the Haliburton Highlands, it could be a sunset, it could be live music in the park, it could be the way the rain taps on your roof, it could be a fresh flower blooming, it could be watching two people hug. There is beauty in every day, and as your token millennial, I can wrap this article up by of course quoting Hugh Grant the movie *Love Actually:*

"It seems to me that love is everywhere, often, it's not particularly dignified or newsworthy, but it's always there: fathers and sons, mothers and daughters, husbands and wives, boyfriends, girlfriends, old friends … If you look for it, I've got a sneaky feeling you'll find that love actually is all around."

Happy New Year's, friends. Here's to finding a little beauty in the every day of 2022. It's out there, and we're here to find it.

Top 10 ways to avoid being talked about at a New Year's Eve party

NEW YEAR'S EVE parties are fun and a great way to blow off a bit of steam. But there are times when even the best of us can take things a bit too far and be the subject of discussion for the next little while. Luckily, there are a few things a person can do to reduce the chances of this happening. Here are my top 10 suggestions.

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

1. Never wear a lampshade unless it goes with your outfit.
2. Only use your free hands for drinks.
3. Remember, it's no use pouring every second drink in a nearby flowerpot if you plan on chugging the flowerpot at last call.
4. Don't offer your considered medical opinions unless your internet medical degree is fully coloured in.
5. If you must dance, avoid Gangnam style.
6. Always do the diplomatic thing. Agree to disagree with the toaster oven.
7. Never sing karaoke unless there's a machine in the room.
8. Try not to start your New Year's Countdown at 6 p.m.
9. Use a plate at the buffet.
10. Bring a much crazier friend.

Secrets

Snow leaking through the sieve of Sky,
swirling through Air, like secrets, dripping into the River below,
swallowed by the thickness of its flow,
sludging between banks bulging with Snow,
smudging the reflections of trees, sinking into the water, black as ink,
silencing the creaking of their bones, poking through Snow,
these pillars that lead me away from the road, into the forest,
the trail that swerves along the River, erased by Snow.
I blink through the gauze of Air, that blots my Breath as I exhale,
clomping higher through the spaces between trees,
my feet feeling for roots, as they plunge into Snow,
wondering whether trees feel the cold more when they're old,
as I stop to finger a burl, jutting out of the trunk of a tree,
the bark surrounding it, riddled with mould,
its limbs cloaked in Snow, its branches reaching up to catch snow flakes as they fall.
I climb higher, through this maze of trees, farther from the River that winds down below,
not a sliver of its flow, trickling into my ears, only this Snow tumbling down in clumps,
its silence seeping deep beneath the earth,
where roots entangle and intertwine,
concealing secrets, sealed, 'till Spring.

I stumble across a tree stump, shrouded in Snow,
its inside, hollow and charred, as I swipe the Snow away,
inhaling its history, melting in my hand,
rubbing the Snow into my skin, how thin it feels, compared to these trees,
buffered against centuries of Snow and Wind, by the thickness of their bark,
and maybe their camaraderie, even this stump, still squatting here, in the Snow,
who knows what seeds will sprout around it, come Spring?
I stay crouching by this stump, for a few moments longer,
filling its hollow back up with Snow,
gawking up at all the trees that surround me,
these pillars of stillness guiding me, strengthening my resolve,
as I heave my way back up to plod through the Snow,
to reach the top of the hill, a view these trees will never see,
keeping secrets I will never know, buried deeper than this Snow,
swirling through Air, that's nowhere and everywhere,
as I walk and breathe,
searching for clues.

Sylvie Kalenda

Painting sky holes*

Painting, Cathedral by Susan Hay

Naked trees spread witchy hands across a mottled sky
Multi-knuckle fingers framing stained glass amplify

Some contain the brightest summer blue of milder days
Others outline parts of cloud which shift to winter haze

Painters know to capture shards of different coloured light
Turn long twigs to lacy grids, then fill each space outright

Taking nature's nature and intensifying hue
Granting ordinary elm a giant jewel hairdo

Either way, rose-coloured lens, or sweet tree-hugger smile
Triggers humble thanks towards just how the woods beguile

Solo pine or bundled birch both find their ways to art
All allow earth lovers to access one thumping heart

Gazing up at sky holes* among branches gives me pause
Prism beams and holy light can trigger soul applause

Even without palette, well-worn brush and canvas square
My dark eye finds heaven in a span of branches bare

*sky holes are the spaces of light we see through bare tree branches or foliage

Deborah J Reed

Celebrating the past, present and future

KATE BUTLER

Special to *County Life*

HAPPY NEW YEAR, everyone! I hope that as you read this, your 2022 is off to a great start! The beginning of a new year is a time for looking forward and marking out upcoming events on our calendars, whether paper or virtual. The last couple of years have, of course, meant that marking milestones like birthdays, weddings and anniversaries has been very different, but the desire to mark them has remained and the desire to celebrate these sorts of occasions is a constant that connects us with history.

Though fashion and technology may change, a birthday is always a good reason for a gathering. Looking through back issues of the *Haliburton Echo* from the early 20th century, birthdays were often featured. Details of the celebrations were included, along with the names of those who came to join the festivities and how far they had travelled. In these early accounts, photos are rare, but eventually photography of these sorts of occasions became more common, adding to that feeling of having a window into the celebrations. One photo from our collection, which I love, shows a birthday party which was held for a young Dorothy Clarke around 1902 in the garden of her aunt's home. A garden celebration would have probably been a given, as Dorothy's birthday was in July. About a dozen friends joined her, along with her older and younger sister. (I've often wondered if her two sisters, both with winter birthdays, envied Dorothy's summer celebration!) Looking at images like this, you can almost imagine hopping into the scene yourself, sharing birthday wishes and enjoying a slice of cake, in a way that still seems normal to us today, nearly 120 years later.

Sometimes the celebrations of the past provide an even more tangible link with what we see around our community today. For instance, in November of 1882, a wedding took place at St. George's Anglican Church which would actually have a direct impact on the story of the Haliburton Highlands Museum. A young woman by the name of Janet Clinkscale, married a local carpenter, named John Russell Reid. Though the details of their wedding are fairly scant, we do know that in anticipation of their marriage, they decided a new family home was needed to replace the original small cabin John's parents had built when they moved to the area in the 1870s. The new house on Park Street was a one-and-a-half storey frame dwelling with enough space for their growing family – they had a son and two daughters by 1887. That house would eventually become the original home of the museum in the 1960s and it's still part of the museum today. On one hand, it's easy to say that the museum's story begins with the date it originally opened – Oct. 13, 1968 – but it wouldn't look like it does if it wasn't for John and Janet Reid and their 1882 wedding. This year will mark 140 years since they married, and 140 years for the house. I think that calls for a celebration, don't you?

I hope that your 2022 is a year full of things to celebrate, both large and small! Though many of us are anticipating the return of large gatherings and events, the last couple of years have also given us a reminder to keep celebrating all the little things, so here's to bright days ahead!

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The Book Nook

Minden Hills Library is now open, indoors, to one patron at a time.
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The Book Nook is run by volunteers from our Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library group. Your donations support the purchase of books, enhancements and programmes in all Haliburton County libraries.

Environment Haliburton Enviro-Cafe

The Enviro-Cafe featuring Korey McKay, the County's climate action coordinator has been postponed until Tuesday, January 11 due to technical difficulties. We will post a new link to register for this event on our website 2 weeks previous. Happy holidays from EH!

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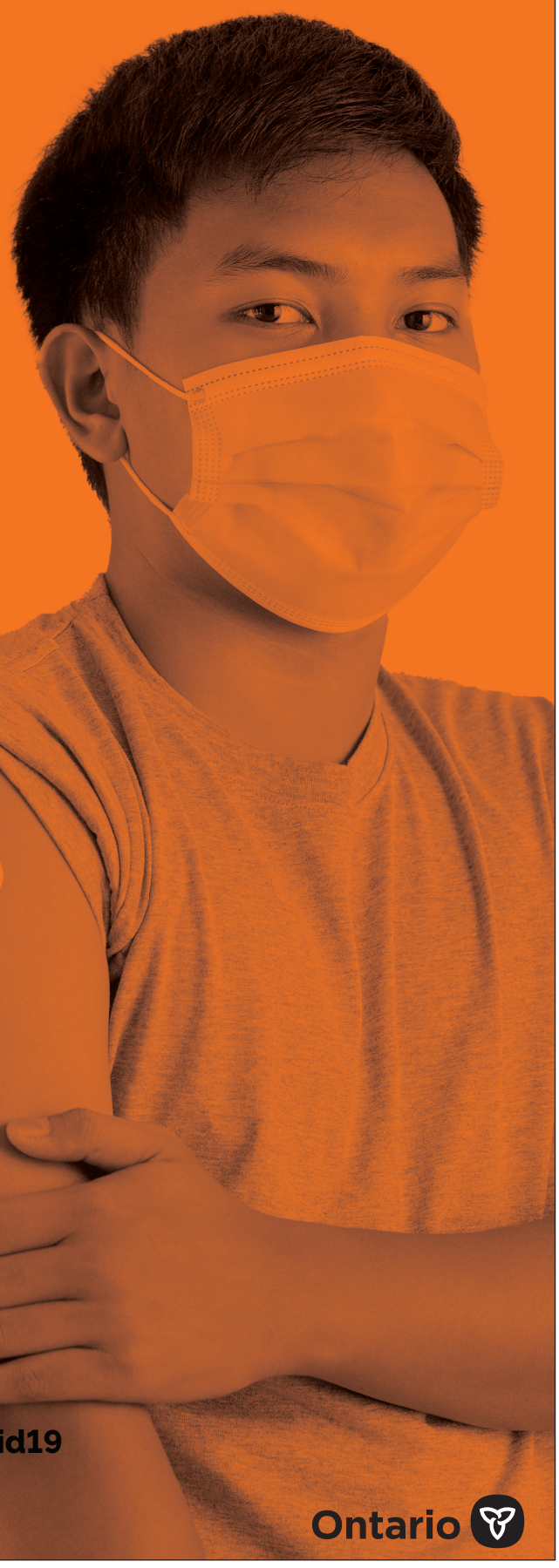

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Reflecting the season
Dave Dennis of Canning Lake submitted this photo illustration, which includes him holding a three-inch glass ball with the surroundings reflected. He later photo-edited the phrase, 'Happy New Year' on the ball.

Algonquin Highlands opens online portal for public

The Municipality of Algonquin Highlands is opening a virtual door for the public with its launch of Let's Connect Algonquin Highlands – its new public engagement platform.

Let's Connect Algonquin Highlands is a multi-faceted portal the township will use to consult and communicate with residents and community members on a variety of issues on an ongoing basis. It's an opportunity for members of the public to share their ideas, concerns and opinions directly with the township, with that feedback helping to inform decision-making and policy, and to shape the future of the community.

"We're excited to launch this more robust way of engaging with the community," Mayor Carol Moffatt said. "We've had a lot of success with social media over the years but this is very different and will allow a more focused and issue-specific way for the public to participate in local government. Council already has a myriad of ideas for this portal and we're just getting started. I'd encourage folks to sign up and stay tuned as this exciting new platform evolves."

Currently active on the site are the township's zoning by-law update – with discussions around cannabis cultivation, backyard hens, backyard beekeeping, septic system setbacks and much more – and a public survey seeking input that will be used in the creation of a new municipal communications plan for the township. You can connect at letsconnectalgonquinhighlands.ca.

Please explore the site, and join the conversation.

Submitted by Algonquin Highlands

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Austin Boylan takes a big swing at MLB dreams in Miami

STEPHEN PETRICK

Special to *County Life*

Minden's member of the Ontario Astros baseball club just had an out-of-this-world experience.

Fifteen-year-old Austin Boylan, who graduated from Archie Stouffer Elementary School with honours in 2020, the Athlete of the Year and was named Principal's All-around student, competed in a game and home run derby that was part of the World Power Showcase, a marquee event for players with pro ambitions.

The event was held in November at LoneDepot Park, home of the Miami Marlins Major League Baseball (MLB) franchise. There, Boylan hit four home runs to place sixth in the derby. He said he also performed well in the game, by hitting a triple and making some fine defensive plays, including throwing a runner out from the outfield

Boylan hopes it's the first of what will be many experiences of stepping on to an elite-level field.

"I'm trying to get drafted [to MLB] and hopefully play one day, whether it's in AA, AAA (the minor leagues) or the Major Leagues," he said in a phone interview from the 905 area, where he now lives, attends school and trains.

The best amateur baseball players in North America can be drafted by MLB teams as early as their age 18 year. Good players at that age also compete for lucrative scholarships to attend and play ball at top U.S. colleges. Given that, Boylan still has a long way to go in his development as a baseball player, but by attending the showcase, he got a taste of competing with and against other highly trained young baseball players. The event, which he has to apply to attend, featured players from all over the world.

Although he grew up in Minden, where there is no organized "baseball" and only recreational softball and other forms of ball, Boylan has always loved the game. He recalls practising the game at home in the winter, by putting snowballs on a tee and hitting them.

This past spring, after submitting a video application, he was given a try-out and eventually a spot on the Astros under-14 team. The Ontario Astros organization is designed to give players elite competition, and an opportunity to move up the ranks and earn scholarships or pro contracts. Among its alumni are Major Leaguers like John Axford (a one-time star closer for the Milwaukee Brewers and fan favourite of the Toronto Blue Jays) and Scott Diamond, a work-horse pitcher with the Minnesota Twins.

Austin Boylan, who graduated from Archie Stouffer Elementary School and was a Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student in Grade, represented Canada and the Highlands with a strong baseball performance in Miami several weeks ago.

Austin Boylan holds his jersey at LoneDepot Park in Miami, where he competed in the World Power Showcase for up-and-coming baseball players several weeks ago. Boylan was a standout at the showcase. Submitted by Kristen Boylan

After a strong season with the Astros, which play in the Canadian Premier Baseball League (CPBL), Boylan expects to play next season with the Ontario Blue Jays, a similar organization that also grooms players for elite play.

The Blue Jays also play in the CPBL, and additionally participate in summer tournaments throughout the United States and offer a spring training program in Florida.

Boylan prides himself on being an all-round player; one who can fly around the bases and also hit with power. Although he pitches and plays outfield, he says his most natural positions are shortstop and third base. His Ontario Astros profile lists him at 5-foot-7, 170 pounds.

He is fully committed to the game. After he was enrolled at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School for Grade 9 where he earned honours, he and his family made the decision for him to attend a school that was the best for his baseball dream.

He now attends Bill Crothers Secondary School in Markham, where he's in Grade 10. The school, named after the former Olympian, has programs to help students who are training for high performance athletics. Through the winter, Boylan also trains at the Athlete Matrix in Mississauga.

He said he has the full support of his family, which includes his mom, dad and step-dad. He says they would be the first people he would need to thank if he ever gets a chance to achieve his dream of playing in the big leagues.

But right now, he's enjoying learning about and playing baseball; a team sport that depends on individual performance and extreme mental concentration. When asked what he loves about baseball, Boyden pondered for a moment.

"I don't know; there's something about the game," he said. "It's more of a thinking game and it's kind of my style."

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Local Landmark Mystery

Local Landmark reveal: the Dragonfly in Cardiff. With a 16-foot wingspan, this may be the largest dragonfly in Canada. It is certainly a striking sight, installed right next to Highway 118 at the entrance to the Village of Cardiff. Part of the original Visual Arts committee project to place art installations in every village in the Haliburton Highlands. The Dragonfly was created by Andy Hillo, who used recycled plastic, copper roofing material, and a recycled water tank. Andy's sculptures are found throughout the Haliburton Highlands, including the Logger in Minden and the Sawyer in Stanhope. Photo republished with permission and is by Thom Lambert.

The following are images of a local landmark. Try to guess what the landmark is and see in the next week's County Life for the reveal. Concept and images from Thom Lambert, who has informative posts about things to see and do in the Highlands through Myhaliburtonhighlands on Instagram.
/Submitted by Thom Lambert

Is your home ready for the winter?

JERELYN CRADEN

Special to *County Life*

Winter is here, and with it – snow, freezing rain, and on some days, extremely high winds. So, is it too late to winterize your home or cottage, or are there still things you can do to help protect yourself and your home this winter?

According to Mike Rahme, president of HomePro Inspections, Haliburton County, and registered home inspector (plus half a dozen additional industry certifications), with ice and snow on the ground certain winter preparation work would be too dangerous to do now, like getting up on the roof and cleaning out eavestroughs. However, he highly recommends proceeding with the following.

Check your trees

"We talk to people consistently about how important it is to walk around their house and check the trees," Rahme said. "There are so many trees that are close to buildings that, even if they don't fall down in a big wind, big pine branches can start rubbing on the siding, on the roof, and on the eavestrough causing further damage or disruption."

Hire an arborist

Rahme highly recommends hiring an arborist to take a look at the trees on your property.

"Get them to qualify what needs to be addressed. The main thing is the arborists are able to work this time of year. I wish I could say that the big wind storm we had in December was a one-off, but the wrath of Mother Nature is not to be dealt with and she's not happy."

"Now we've got a situation where so many of our new residents are not used to living in an area where they have a heavily forested yard. And we don't want trees to be 'widow makers.' He said, "When there's a big branch that's broken off, but is still sitting in the tree, the next time a big wind comes, that big branch is going to dislodge and fall and maybe land on your new car, your snowmobile, your house, your deck, or yourself!"

Rahme said there are three or four good arborist companies in Haliburton, "and they're going to be hoppin' busy, too, but it's important to get on their list."

Even if you feel comfortable about the trees as you walk around your house, arborists see them with a different set of eyes.

"More importantly," he said, "we don't want people with lakefront property to swing down to the hardware store and pick up a new chainsaw and go out and have at it. We still have shoreline rules to consider. We can't be cutting trees down too close to the shoreline. There are substantial fines for that. People who cut trees themselves have to be cognizant of the fact that a tree doesn't necessarily always fall in the direction they're hoping. It's a bad way to test out your insurance."

Wood stoves need proper installation, regular maintenance

Annual chimney/system inspection is important. According to Rahme, sometimes when people do renovations and alter the position of the stove to fit with their new décor, wood stoves may no longer adhere to their defined clearance requirement.

"If you have a wood stove that doesn't have a data plate, then it isn't a CSA approved stove, and needs 48 inches of clearance with any combustible material."

Hot ashes can cause fires

When people fill a metal pail full of hot ashes directly from their wood stove and set it on their deck or wooden porch, extremely high temperatures can start a fire.

"We can't get that information out to people enough," Rahme said. "It's best to put that hot pail of ashes into a snowbank away from your house for 24 hours. Then you can dump the ashes out in the woods or wherever you keep it."

Annual furnace/oil tank inspection

Rhame explained the importance of having your oil furnace and tank checked annually.

"There are a lot of lawsuits that have happened over faulty oil tanks," he said. "It's important to have the heating company come in or an HVAC company installer to ensure that your oil tank is certified and not leaking. When there's a leak, it's not turning on the flood tap, it's a slow drip, drip, drip. With that, the contamination factor to wells and [the] ground is significant. If there's an oil leak that's been going on for the last two to three years, it could be a multi-million-dollar clean-up issue."

A true cautionary tale – "A leaky oil tank at a beautiful two-story 100-year-old farm house in Fenelon Falls caused water contamination to their next-door neighbours' home and property," Rahme said. "This was determined by experts who were brought in to uncover the cause. As a result, the oil tank was removed, the house was demolished, and all of the earth was excavated out about five feet deep all the way around where the house had stood. All of the soil was sent to be cleaned and the area left open for at least a year. Then the soil was put back and the house rebuilt. We're talking multi-millions of dollars," Rhame said. "So, to spend $150 to have your oil tank and oil furnace checked annually is money well spent."

Sump pump

Always make sure that the discharge pipe from your sump pump is free of obstruction in order to drain properly.

"Here in the land of squirrels and chipmunks," Rahme said, "they view that little black two-and-a-half-inch tunnel as a good spot to call home for the winter. We see them packed with squirrel debris and nuts and whatnot, so when it comes time for your sump pump to come on and push water out, it can't, so it backs up which causes flooding in your lower levels. Important note: In the event of a flood in your basement, ***do not put a foot down or a hand in the water*** because there's a good probability it could be electrified.

Avoid septic freeze

"Be good to your septic. You don't want to kill it," Rahme said. "If you put things down the drain or into the tank that will kill bacteria, then your septic tank becomes susceptible to freezing. "If it didn't come out of you, it shouldn't go down the drain," he said. "The only exception to that is two-ply Royale Original. It's the only toilet paper that has a 100 per cent breakdown within your septic tank. No Kleenex, feminine hygiene products, medications, oils or greases should go down the toilet."

It is also important not to put any kind of covering over your septic tank as it will make it more susceptible to freezing.

Best detergent to use locally

Rahme said, "In rural areas such as Haliburton, the best detergent to use is Nature Clean available at grocery stores, Home Hardware, and Canadian Tire."

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MATT DUCHENE

TSN captures draft pick's creative side

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

For the second time in less than a month, The Sports Network (TSN) has packed its camera gear and headed north to Haliburton to tape a feature about hockey's latest NHL Entry Draft headline-maker, Matt Duchene.

About three weeks ago TSN arrived in Haliburton to film a feature about Duchene, who is now being considered as a number-one pick in the upcoming NHL Entry Draft, along with John Tavares and Victor Hedman.

Tavares and Hedman have dominated draft headlines all season long. But Duchene's strong finish to the season and playoffs, his two-way game, and speedy skating add to his credentials as a number-one choice.

See **Art** *page 22*

MARTHA PERKINS/Echo

Superheroes battle cancer

With so many lives affected by cancer, McKeck's Place decided that to call upon a few superheroes to fight the disease. Karen Frybort, Dean Witthun and Heather Taylor had fun teaming together for Friday night's Relay for Life, which raised more than $170,000 for the Canadian Cancer Society. There's a story and more photos on pages 16 and 17.

FLU PANDEMIC

County has first case of H1N1 virus

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Haliburton County has had its first confirmed case of the H1N1 virus but that shouldn't give other residents cause for concern, health officials say.

Last week, the spread of the virus moved to enough countries to warrant calling it a pandemic by the World Health Organization but that doesn't mean the illness is increasing in severity. It simply means more people have it in more countries.

In fact, as flu viruses go, H1N1 is relatively mild. It only causes concern when someone with other health issues gets it.

The Haliburton County resident who had the swine flu did not require hospitalization and has recovered, as have the three other people who contracted the virus in the vast catchment area of the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit.

See **Virus** *page 14*

Molou re-opens

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Harry Potter is coming to the Molou.

After a winter of uncertainty about the future of the Haliburton movie theatre, a new management partnership has been formed that will ensure the theatre's doors stay open this summer.

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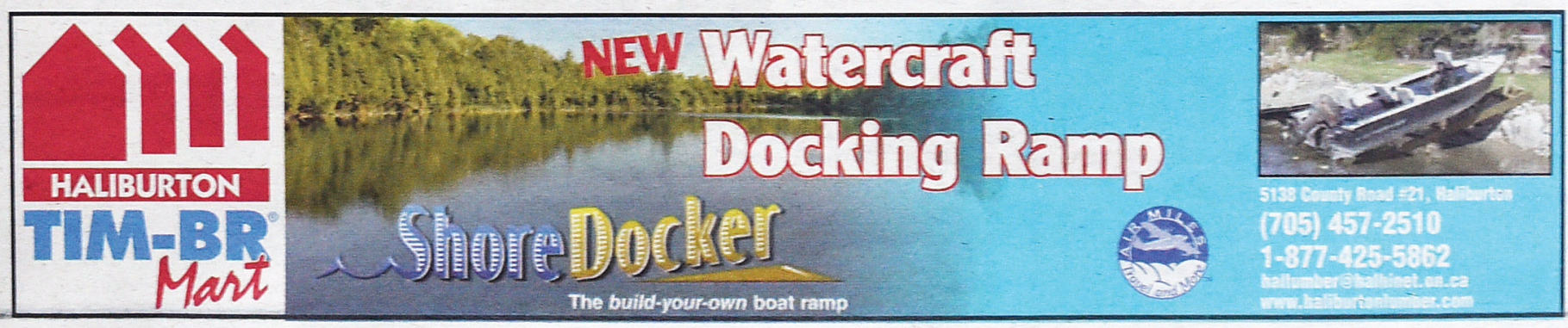

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TWELVE MILE LAKE ROAD $1,995,000

A RARE FIND! 1677 feet of frontage and 6+ acres fronting on both beautiful Twelve Mile Lake and Little Boshkung Lake. This point lot is totally private and takes in multiple exposures and has stunning lake views. The historic "Strathcona Lodge" was located here. The original foundation is still present and has the potential to be built on. Two small historic cabins are also on the subject property. Don't miss this opportunity to build your dream home or getaway on one of the most peaceful settings in Haliburton County. Price is plus HST

KAWAGAMA LAKE $279,000

Stunning south views across the lake. This property has a fantastic shoreline of mixed sand/gravel gradual entry to the water. Hydro is at the lot line and there is good cell service. This is easily accessible from either marina on the lake. Enjoy this affordable lot in the summer while you make your plans for your new cottage. Great fishing year-round and fantastic snowmobiling in the winter.

WENONA LAKE $94,500

Fantastic lot in a quiet area. This 0.42-acre lot is the perfect spot to build your families dream cottage or home. Conveniently located on a year-round road with hydro and telephone available and located 15 minutes from Haliburton village. Surrounded by mature trees providing ample privacy. 1/12 interest (ownership) in waterfront lot 62 which has a beautiful sand shoreline and western exposure overlooking Wenona Lake. Adjacent lot is owned by the municipality adding additional privacy.

MOUNTAIN STREET $539,000

Fantastic home, situated on a year-round road in a lovely private neighbourhood. This lovingly owned and maintained home features 3 bdrms and full bathrm on the main level. Enjoy tons of natural lighting in the bright, spacious living room, dining area and kitchen. Step out to the sunroom and feel immersed in nature - overlooking the beautiful flowing creek and forest. Finished lower level with den/bedroom, renovated 3pc bathrm, and large rec room. Great sized lot and large double carport. This family home offers endless possibilities.

Happy New Year!

To all our clients & colleagues, friends, & family, we wish you the very best for health and prosperity in **2022**

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